Encouraging Naturopathy and Yoga

2006. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the steps being taken to encourage Naturopathy and Yoga?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): With a view to initiate, aid and coordinate scientific research in different aspects of Yoga and Naturopathy and to promote the related institutions, the Government have established Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy in New Delhi. The Council has been rendering financial assistance to Yoga and Naturopathy institutions in various parts of the country for conducting research and training. It has also been decided to set up a National Institute of Naturopathy at Pune for development of Naturopathy as a system of medicine.

Another Institute, namely Central Research Institute for Yoga has already been set up in New Delhi for conducting and coordinating research in the science of Yoga in all its aspects.

Linking of Vellore, Salem and certain other major towns of Tamil Nadu by Air

2007. SHRI T.A. MOHAMMED SAQHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to link Vellore, Salem and four other major towns of Tamil Nadu by air; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Madras, Coimbatore, Madurai, Trichy, Tanjore and Neyveli are already in the airmap of Tamil nadu. Further, Tirunelvelli, Chettinad, Tuticorin, Vellore, Erode, Salem and Ramanathapuram in the State have been identified for airlinking by Vayudoot Limited during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Changes in flight timings between Hyderabad and Vijayawada

2008. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many changes have taken place in the Indian Airlines flight timings between Hyderabad and Vijayawada; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons for such frequent changes?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines discontinued air services through Vijayawada with effect from the 16th of April, 1989 and handed over the Avro aircraft and route to Vayudoot.

Connecting flights at Hyderabad airport for Vijayawada

2009. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any connecting flights at Hyderabad airport for Vijayawada passengers travelling from Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta and vice-versa; and

(b) if not, what steps are being taken to provide such connecting flights?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) (a) and (b) Indian Airlines is not operating any air service to/from Vijayawada. Vayudoot is operating the following services to/from Vijayawada connecting Hyderabad:-